

SENATE BILL 551

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-112 and Title 2, Chapter 11, Part 1, relative to prohibiting county election commission members and state election commission members from certain political activity.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-112(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following language as subdivision (2):

(2) No member of a county election commission shall participate in the political management or leadership of a local, state or federal political party organization or in the management or leadership of a political candidate's campaign during the member's term of office. No member shall make a public endorsement of or permit the member's name to be used to endorse a particular candidate for political office during the member's term of office. Violation of this subsection subjects the member to immediate removal from office by majority vote of the state election commission.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

2-11-111.

No member of the state election commission shall participate in political management or leadership of a local, state or federal political party organization or in the management or leadership of a political candidate's campaign during the member's term of office. No member shall make a public endorsement of or permit the member's name to be used to endorse a particular candidate for political office during the member's term

of office. Violation of this section subjects the member to removal by majority vote of the other members of the state election commission.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.